

The following themes to be explored are based on the words of Laudato Si.

## COSMOLOGY

God is asking us to recognise the Divine Presence in all the universe, for every atom, molecule and being has come to be through the power and energy of God's Holy Spirit.

## ECOLOGY

God is asking us to study, learn and act in union with the Divine Action in the delicate balance of relationships in all life and live in the belief that all of Earth and all its life is holy.

## CONSERVATION

God is asking us to listen and hear all creatures singing the Divine Praises in their diverse languages. And to join in this song by promoting and protecting the diversity of life.

## SIMPLICITY

God is asking us to recognise the Divine Wisdom of a lifestyle in which we control our needs to allow a fair sharing of Earth's resources

## CONTEMPLATION

God is asking us to express our love for the Divine Immanence and Transcendence in Creation through silent reflection, prayer and liturgical celebration.

## INTEGRATION

God is asking us to act in union with the Divine Love for all life and recognise the relationships between each human action and its long-term effects in all the Earth, especially the poor.



Bushland Grotto of Madonna della Strada,  
Our Lady of the Way.

*Wooglemai*

55 Sheeheys Creek Road  
Oakdale, NSW



Chapel of Our Lady of the Way at Wooglemai. A place to contemplate the Australian bush and mountains.

# Passion for the Earth

*A Laudato Si Camp For Adults*



*Exploring Ecological Conversion  
within*

*Love of the Creator and all  
creation*

*Love of Earth and all her life  
Love of neighbour as one family.*

In the bushland retreat

*Wooglemai*

Guntawang Catholic Youth Centres Inc.

45 Sheeheys Creek Road, Oakdale.

10.00am Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021

To

2.00pm Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Cost; \$95.00**

**Students : \$75.00**

There is a need for more thoughtful dialogue to appreciate the recent encyclicals of Pope Francis.

In our society there is much talk of Climate Change and who caused it, and many ways that we should care for our common home in the local area and globally. We are encouraged to love creation and the Creator. This, however, means more than an appreciation of the visual beauty of Earth.

The first of the Catholic Earthcare *Steps to Ecological Dialogue* is centred around the formation of the heart.

In *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis writes, “The Holy Spirit can be said to possess an infinite creativity proper to the divine mind.” And “The Spirit of God has filled the universe with possibilities.” and “The spirit of life dwells in every living creature and calls us to enter into relationship with him.”

Sean McDonagh writes in *To Care for the Earth* “The Holy Spirit is the source of all unity. All attraction, all bonding, all intimacy and communion flow from the Spirit.”



It is in the depths of God’s love being freely given and being returned by us that this program seeks to explore in a series of talks and discussions opening the heart to true Ecological Conversion.

Besides having all the facts and knowledge, there is a need to engage the heart. Much of the environmental action we are urged to do has become an end in itself, rather than an expression of love;

*Love of the Creator and all Creation,*

*Love of Earth and all her life,*

*Love of neighbour as being of one family.*

Love is to be the motivation for resolving to deepen our Ecological Conversion.



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Wooglemai is a camp style getaway on the edge of the Nattai National Park near Oakdale.



Accommodation is in male and female bunkrooms each with shared facilities.



You may prefer the privacy of your own tent or mobile van.



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